

## **REMARKS**

Upon entry of these amendments, claims 1-22 will be pending in this application.

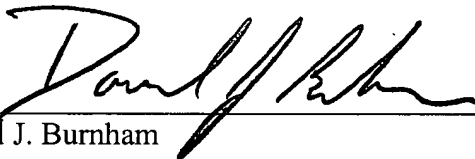
### **Conclusion**

The Applicants believe that the claims are in a condition for allowance and action toward that end is earnestly solicited.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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